

Roland Gutierrez

Biography

Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in a special election in May 2008, Representative Gutierrez represents District 119, which encompasses part of Bexar County. Roland Gutierrez embodies the best traditions of Texas public service and the best hopes for the future of Texas leadership.

A native of San Antonio, Gutierrez is a 1989 graduate of Central Catholic High School. He earned his BA in political science from the University of Texas at San Antonio and earned his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law. He is the sole proprietor of his own law firm and is involved in the Elder Law Clinic, which provides free legal services to senior citizens.

Representative Gutierrez, his wife Sarah, and their daughters Izabella and Victoria live in the San Jose neighborhood, where they attend Mission San Jose and are active in a variety of community projects.

Gutierrez was elected to the San Antonio City Council in 2005 and re-elected two years later. He was a driving force behind the effort to establish Texas A&M University, the city's second top-tier public university, and helped secure federal resources to fund the San Antonio River project without increasing the tax burden on middle-class families and small businesses. He was also praised for his work on the team that landed the Toyota auto manufacturing plant, leading to thousands of new jobs and millions in new economic activity for the city.

As a city leader, Gutierrez helped create the new Drug Court to combat substance abuse among young people and find alternatives to prison. He worked to create the Tax Freeze Initiative to limit property taxes for seniors and disabled citizens, and played a key role in the groundbreaking clean air policies, including an ordinance that lets owners of hybrid vehicles to park for free at city meters. Gutierrez also served as a chairman of the City Council's public safety committee, sat on the Police and Fire Pension Fund Board, and was the city's liaison to Brooks City-Base.

As the state representative for District 119, Gutierrez's agenda includes comprehensive insurance and utility reform. He is also a strong champion for better public schools, affordable public health care, effective public safety, and policies to help strengthen the economic security of his constituents.

"Those are the goals that form the heart of my public service - to help the ordinary people of my district shape an extraordinary future for themselves and their families," Gutierrez says.

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